

Codebook for “Lesser of Two Evils: Allocating Resources to Opposition Districts in Pakistan”
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All variables used in analysis are explained below. First is the variable name that matches the relevant .csv file and is used in the R replication file provided. Next is the name of the variable as used in the paper, wherever relevant. Finally, each variable is briefly explained.

- fund_perc: *Fund Access %*: The percentage of the allotted CDF a legislator actually got in each electoral constituency-year.
- opp_dum: *Opposition Legislator*: Dummy variable indicating whether a legislator was from the opposition (1) or ruling party (0).
- MofV_abs: *Margin of Victory*: The difference in vote share between the winning candidate and first runner-up.
- MofV_sq: Square of MofV_abs
- District: *District*: The administrative district that the constituency is in.
- Start_Year: *Start Year*: The year for which fund access data is given.
- Election_Year: *Election Year*: The most recent election year, which helps to differentiate between administrations.
- Previous_MNA: *Previous MNA*: Dummy variable indicating whether a legislator had been a federal legislator (Member of National Assembly) before (1) or not (0).
- Previous_MNA_Terms: *Previous MNA Terms*: The number of electoral terms a legislator had been a federal legislator before.
- Min_CurrentOrPast: *Federal Minister*: Dummy variable indicating whether a federal legislator had ever been a cabinet member (1) or not (0).
- Turnout_perc: *Turnout*: Voter turnout at the electoral constituency level in the most recent election.
- Reg_Voters: *# Registered Voters*: Number of registered voters at the electoral constituency in the most recent election.
- Num_Cand: *# Candidates*: Number of candidates on the ballot in the electoral constituency in the most recent election.
- Urban: *Urban*: Dummy variable indicating whether a constituency is (fully or in part) an “urban” area (1) or not (0), coded based on the geographical description of each constituency.
- core: Dummy variable indicating whether the margin of victory in a given constituency was 20% or higher (1) or not (0).
- core0.3: Dummy variable indicating whether the margin of victory in a given constituency was 30% or higher (1) or not (0).
- core0.4: Dummy variable indicating whether the margin of victory in a given constituency was 40% or higher (1) or not (0).
- Total_Rs: The total amount of the fund that was allotted in a given year to a given constituency, in millions of PKR (Pakistani Rupees).

- fund_perc_alt: The percentage of fund that was allotted to a given constituency in a given year, re-coded such that values above 100% are capped at/recoded to 100%.
- elec_year: Dummy variable indicating whether a given year is an election year (1) or not (0).